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Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar :—" May I know whether there has been any complaint that candidates were not selected from particular communities? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" No complaints have been received."

Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister means that no suitable Indian Christian was available for one of these places in the Committee? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It does not necessarily mean that."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know what are the qualifications or the suitability of the candidates who are selected as members of the Committee of the Teachers' College? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" No qualifications have been prescribed."

Personnel of the Selection Committee of the Engineering College, Guindy.

* 338 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Engineering College at Guindy;

(*b*) the purpose for which the Committee was originally constituted; and

(*c*) whether, in making appointments to the Committee, the claims of various communities were considered?

A.—(*a*) (1) The Principal of the College.

(2) Mr. S. S. Elliot, Chief Engineer, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.

(3) Khan Bahadur Abdul Razak Sahib Bahadur, Saidapet.

(4) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur C. Arunachala Mudaliyar Avargal, Zamindar of Chunampet.

(5) M.R.Ry. P. Ramanathan Avargal, Solicitor, Madras.

(6) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja Avargal, M.L.A.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 337.

Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam :—" May I know whether for the Committee of the Engineering College also no Indian Christian was available? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I must only repeat what I said in regard to previous questions of a similar nature. I can only say that in regard to none of these Committees were Christians deliberately excluded. When the Committees are reconstituted next time, I shall bear in mind all the facts brought to my notice by the hon. Member representing Tanjore."

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Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"May I know the reason why that in almost all sorts of Committees the Indian Christian community was absolutely excluded?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It is merely an accident."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know the selection of members from the Chingleput district and Madras would satisfy the rest of the Presidency and, if not, is it not advisable to select gentlemen from other districts also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not think it will be possible, because we will have to pay travelling allowance to them."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—"May I know the claims of the West Coast districts will be taken into consideration?"

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government have found it difficult to appoint other gentlemen other than the same members for these Selection Committees for a number of years and are they violating the rule?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no violation of any rule in appointing the same gentlemen."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"I shall repeat the question that I put in regard to the Committee of the Teachers' College for that of the Engineering College. What I said was that these colleges being for the whole of the Madras Presidency why should the same Muslim gentlemen be selected from Chingleput again and again and whether it is not desirable to select a person from outside Chingleput district who is better qualified, to serve on the Committee. The hon. Minister has misunderstood me. I did not compare the merits of the gentlemen now present on the Committee with the merits of other members."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"Will the Government consider the advisability of appointing a member from the backward classes?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is already a member of the depressed classes."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"I mean backward classes?"

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the hon. the Minister is aware whether these members have been serving on the Committee ever since the scheme of the formation of these committees was sanctioned and the first committee constituted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware, Sir. Even if that was so, I do not see what objection there is to the same members serving on the Committee."

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Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" What is the period of membership of this Committee? "

The hon. the President:—" Order, order."

Personnel of the Selection Committee of the Government Arts College, Kumbakonam.

* 339 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Government Arts College, Kumbakonam?

A.—(1) The Principal of the College.

(2) M.R.Ry. T. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, Advocate, Kumbakonam.

(3) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. N. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar Avargal.

(4) M.R.Ry. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai Avargal, M.L.C.

(5) Khan Sahib Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.

Personnel of the staff of the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School, Royapetta, Madras.

* 340 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the teachers of each subject in each class now are in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School and to what community they belong;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that even in the case of lower forms of the High School all the subjects are taught through the medium of English; and

(*c*) under whose orders and for what reasons this is being done?

A.—(*a*) A statement has been prepared in manuscript and is available for inspection.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Discretion regarding the language to be adopted as the medium of instruction in the school rests with the Superintendent of the school. As qualified Muslim women teachers are not available in sufficient numbers and as the supply of non-Muslim women teachers knowing Urdu is also insufficient, the Superintendent has no option except to use English as the medium of instruction in the school.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I ask what steps the Government propose to take to get more Muslim women teachers for the Hobart Training School so as to solve the difficulty of teaching through the medium of a foreign language? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" That is a matter which is being considered."